

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA**

United States of America,	)	
	)	ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	TRIAL
vs.	)	Case No. 3:23-mj-534
	)	
Christian Akouala,	)	
Defendant.	)	

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant.

**PART I – FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- ☐ **Alternative A** – The Court finds:
- ☐ (1) (a) There is probable cause to believe that defendant has committed an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(3),  
or
- ☐ (b) Defendant is charged with an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and has been convicted of an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(2); **and**
- ☐ (2) (a) Defendant has not presented sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption above, and detention is ordered on that basis, **or**
- ☐ (b) Defendant has presented evidence sufficient to rebut the presumption, but after considering the presumption and the other factors discussed below, detention is warranted.
- ☒ **Alternative B** – The Court finds one or more of the following:
- ☒ (1) The Government has proved by preponderance of the evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure defendant's appearance.
- ☒ (2) The Government has proved by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably ensure the safety of other persons or the community.
- ☐ (3) The Government has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a serious risk that defendant will obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice, or threaten, injure, or intimidate, or attempt to threaten, injure, or intimidate, a prospective witness or juror.
- ☐ **Alternative C** – The Court finds one of the following:
- ☐ (1) Defendant does not contest detention at this time.
- ☐ (2) Defendant is not eligible for release at this time.
- ☐ (3) Defendant shall remain in custody until a residential reentry placement is available.

**PART II – WRITTEN STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION**

The court finds that the evidence presented by the United States establishes probable cause to believe that Defendant committed the offense charged in the Complaint. Consequently, Defendant shall be held to answer this charge.

With respect to the issue of detention, the court finds that the United States has met its burden and demonstrated that there are no conditions of release presently available that will ensure both the safety of the community and Defendant's appearance at future proceedings. The court notes, among other things, Defendant's itinerant lifestyle, the nature of the offense charged, the apparent strength of the United States' case, and Defendant's criminal history. Defendant shall therefore be detained pending further order. Defendant's name shall be added to a waiting list for a residential reentry placement.

**PART III – DIRECTIONS REGARDING DETENTION**

Defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. Defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with court proceedings.

Date: October 19, 2023

/s/ Clare R. Hochhalter  
United States Magistrate Judge